

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 972

Introduced by Assembly Member Sharon Runner

February 18, 2005

An act to add Section 18713 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to athletic contests.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 972, as introduced, Sharon Runner. Boxing: pregnancy tests.

Existing law, the Boxing Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of boxing, kickboxing, and martial arts matches by the State Athletic Commission and makes a violation of the act a crime. Under the act, a physician is required to certify the contestant's physical condition to engage in the match.

This bill would require a female boxer to provide the results of a pregnancy test before competing in a boxing match indicating whether she is currently pregnant. The bill would prohibit a female boxer from competing in a match if she is pregnant.

Because the bill would specify an additional requirement under the Boxing Act, the violation of which is a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 18713 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:
3 18713. A female who is a contestant in a professional or
4 amateur boxing match, shall provide the results of a pregnancy
5 test before the match commences to indicate whether she is
6 currently pregnant. If the results indicate that the contestant is
7 pregnant, she shall not compete in the match.
8 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
9 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
10 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
11 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
12 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the
13 penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section
14 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a
15 crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the
16 California Constitution.